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Hi DOJ,

I just thought I'd offer my thoughts as I was invited to by an email from www.redhat.com

I've got to say this MS witch hunt is absolutely appalling from my point of view.

As the centre of entrepreneurial achievement, I would have thought Microsoft would be something to be proud of. Why start a company if you are not in it to become the biggest company in the world, even if it means other companies will suffer from your success?

Sure, fine MS for their monopolistic practices. I think almost everyone would agree with this on principle. But using the anti-monopoly laws to protect other competitors from the success of another company reeks of 'tall poppy syndrome' and 'sour grapes'.

Honestly, telling a company they cannot incorporate THEIR OWN product into THEIR OWN operating system is an absolute farce. Worse still, now I hear others calling for MS to make a scaled-down version of THEIR OWN product so others can use it to promote their own products?!? You MUST be joking!!

The lesson I have learnt is 'don't become too successful or even the DOJ will attack you'.

Not really what you should be about, don't you think??

Just my two cents...

Cheers,
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